Letters to the Editor

Who Boobed?

Referring to the Colonist of Jan. 23, six older-type homes were removed to make way for the new fire hall. To date some $58,000 has been spent on the project and a further $28,000 is required to complete them.

This would average out at $14,333.33 per house, and whether this includes the value of the properties where the houses are re-located is not stated. What price the city expects to receive for these renovations would be interesting to know.

As a taxpayer I realize that the fire hall was a necessity, but from a standpoint of dollars and cents would it not have been much simpler and economical to have put said buildings up for auction, or have wrecked them?

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Nurses Underpaid

New Canadian postage stamps portray a nurse, with the legend "Health Guards the Nation." Recently published statistics show the nursing profession to be the poorest paid in our country; yet, because of a sense of duty, nurses will not employ customary tactics to gain more appropriate pay.

Now we are told that British Columbia's 5 per cent sales tax, part of which is imposed specifically for hospital subsidy, has yielded more in 1958 than in any previous year. Let us hope this may result in more generous recognition of those who work to guard the nation's health.

If normal sources of revenue are insufficient to maintain our hospitals and pay their staffs adequately, then it is time Canada studied the sweepstake system of financing employed so successfully in Eire.

J. V. BOYS.

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Ought to Be Thankful

As a taxpayer in the city and on a fixed pension with no chance to go on strike for higher pension, I am right behind the city council of Victoria for not granting any increases.

City police have it soft compared to Vancouver police. City firemen haven't had a major fire per year for the last 40 years that I know of. Inside and outside workers don't seem to be overworked—just the opposite as far as I have observed.

Considering the unemployment in the city, the city workers ought to be thankful for year-around employment with no seasonal lay-offs as it effects other trades. Where will the money come from?—the taxpayer. So let the wages stay as is.

G. JOHNSON.

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Gonzales 'Best Place' For Park

Ald. M. H. Mooney called yesterday for future development of a park between the road and the water at Gonzales Bay, saying steps should be taken now to prevent new construction on the water side of Crescent from Ross to Foul Bay Road.

"There isn't a better place in Victoria for a recreation spot," he said, and suggested council should consider rezoning the property for park purposes.

Parks committee referred the suggestion to the advisory planning commission for advice.

Counterfeiter Loses Appeal

VANCOUVER (CP) — An appeal by William Black, 30, against his conviction on counterfeit charges was dismissed by Court of Appeal here Monday.

Black was convicted in Victoria last November and sentenced to a five-year penitentiary term after two men cashed forged cheques totalling nearly $5,000 at Victoria banks.

Saanich Asks B.C. to Name Deputy Magistrate for Area

Saanich has called for appointment of a deputy magistrate at the same time as the new magistrate is appointed to serve Greater Victoria.

Municipal council last night decided to make the request in a letter to Attorney-General Robert Bonner. It came originally from the police commission.

Magistrate H. C. Hall, at present on the sick list, ordinarily sits on the bench to hear police court cases for all four municipalities. He was due to retire last November.

During his illness, cases are being heard by stipendiary magistrate William Ostler.

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Saanich council wants Patricia Bay airport to remain western terminal for Trans-Canada Air Lines cross-country flights.

It decided to write to the board of transport commissioners, opposing Pacific Western Airlines' bid to take over operation of Victoria-Vancouver-Seattle route.

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Council will study a proposal for construction of a joint firehall and police station, in the event of sale of the present municipal yard for a shopping centre.

The proposal from the police commission was referred to chairman of finance Coun. Leslie Passmore.

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Council granted $350 toward Greater Victoria Victoria Day celebrations, this year to include May 16, 17 and 18.

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Reeve George Chatterton will represent the municipality at tonight's meeting called by trustees of School District 63 to discuss need for additional classrooms.

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Farming Benefits Boosted

A new deal for farmers who want to clear their land was announced in the legislature Monday by Agriculture Minister Steacy.

As forecast in the Throne Speech, he said that the amount a farmer may borrow under the Farmers' Assistance Act will be increased to $5,000 from $1,000.

In addition, the present loan period of four years will be increased to 15 years at the same interest rate of four per cent, but the farmer will still have to put up an initial payment of 25 per cent.

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The minister also announced that a purchaser of new land who can show he intends to be a bona fide farmer may borrow up to $5,000 repayable over 20 years with an initial cash outlay of 15 per cent with interest at four per cent.

"I am anxious and confident that, in the next few years, many thousands of new farms will be developed from lands now raw," he said, "adding substantially to the number of sound farming enterprises already stabilized in all parts of the province."

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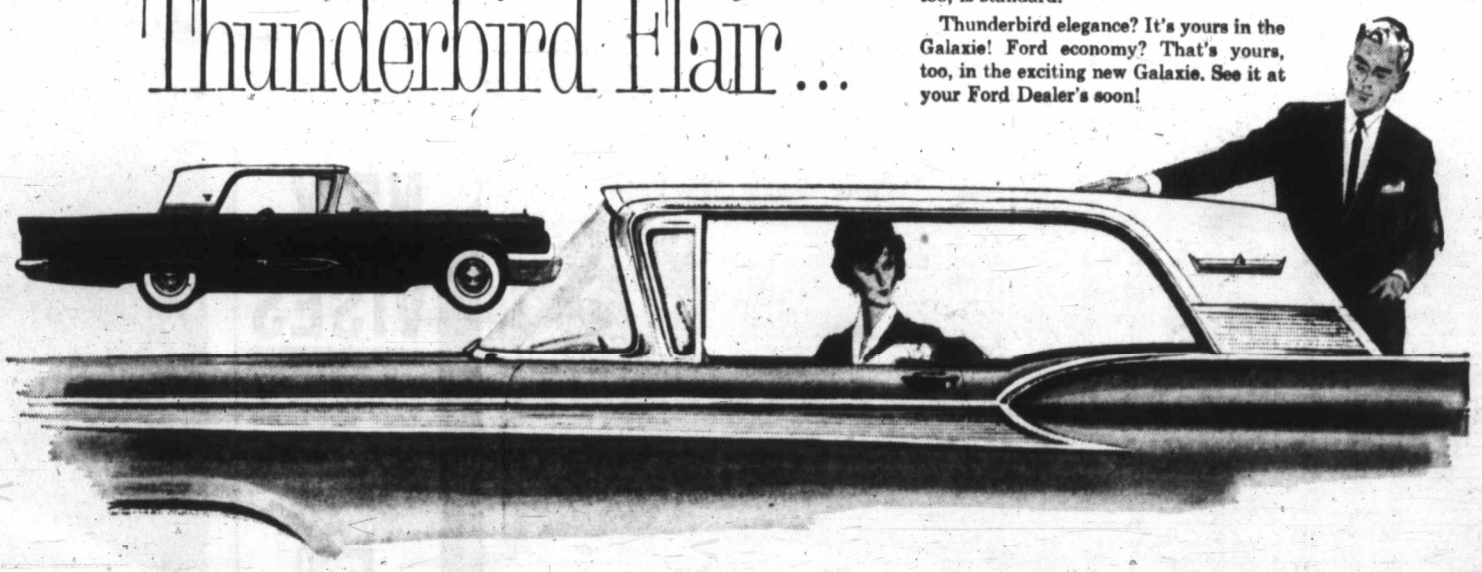

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